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Digital Literacy in Tribals
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state: -

(a) the status of electronics and IT literacy among tribal youths;

(b) whether the Government is considering to launch any scheme of enhancing electronics and IT literacy specifically targeting tribal population; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(a) to (c): The Government has taken various initiatives to improve the electronics and IT literacy among tribal youths. The initiatives of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology which have benefitted the tribal youths include the following:

- National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM): Under this scheme, 10 lakh beneficiaries (1 per household) were provided Digital Literacy across the country out of which 1,23,602 Scheduled Tribes candidates were trained and certified.

- Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA): Under this scheme, 42.5 lakh beneficiaries (1 per household) are to be provided Digital Literacy across the country. So far, 5,93,810 Scheduled Tribes candidates have been trained and certified.

- Under two Schemes for Skill Development in Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM), so far, a total of 8,683 Scheduled Tribe candidates have been enrolled, out which 6,253 candidates have been trained so far.

- National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Centres are implementing various capacity building projects for upliftment of ST population in the area of Information Technology and Electronics. Some of the projects being implemented by NIELIT Centres are as under:-

a) 'Empowering underprivileged (ST) youths and women of four backward districts of Nagaland through ICT skills training' is implemented by NIELIT Kohima for training of 1280 Tribal youths of Nagaland.

b) 'Capacity Building Programme for creating e-readiness of the ST Youth of NE State and State Government Employees' is implemented by NIELIT Kohima - 2295 ST youths trained and 163 Middle Level State Government Employees (ST) and NGOs trained in 3 days training on e-Gov project life cycle.
c) 'Training of SC&ST students in Capacity Building for e-Governance Applications' is implemented by NIELIT Imphal to train 900 SC/ST students of Manipur in Certificate Course in IT & e-Governance Applications.
d) NIELIT Centres, with financial support of MeitY are implementing a scheme titled Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) for Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for Scheduled Tribes under which SC/ST candidates are being trained free of cost at NIELIT Centres across the country.

- Under 'IT for Masses' Programme which targets Women, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes, projects are funded for IT training including Digital Literacy, IT infrastructure to girls schools, women colleges, ST schools (Eklavya, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya) and entrepreneurship creation. The following projects have been implemented for Scheduled Tribes under this programme :-

a) 'e-Inclusion: IT training for Rural Scheduled Tribe (ST), Scheduled Caste (SC) & Women Beneficiaries' - 17,147 ST candidates trained.
b) 'IT Mass Literacy Programme for Scheduled Tribe (ST)' - 4,392 ST candidates trained.
c) 'Capacity building of 1260 ST students of North Orissa University and its affiliated colleges in IT tools' - 1,260 ST candidates trained.
d) 'IT skills & e-Inclusion through low cost access devices based awareness program for Scheduled Tribes − Kerala' - ICT infrastructure set up at 6 locations and 1,260 ST candidates trained.
e) 'Capacity building in IT skills of Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidates − Chhattisgarh' − 2,542 candidates trained on basic computer course and 657 candidates have been trained on Advance courses (Photoshop & Web Designing).
f) 'Capacity building in IT skills of Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidates - Andaman & Nicobar' - 591 Candidates trained.
g) 'Capacity building for the upliftment of 2000 Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidates - Union Territory of Lakshadweep' − 1,870 ST

candidates trained/under going training.

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